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COMPLETE TIE-UP OF NEW YORK INDUSTRIES IS THREATENED BY TRACTION STRIKE HEADS

BERLIN ADMITS DEFEAT

War Office Statement Says That Teuton Line in Carpathian Mountains Has Been Moved Back Before Heavy Russian Attack.

Czar's Forces Continue Drive, Taking Many Prisoners—Somme Front Sees Sharp Fighting—British Aeros in Egypt Raid.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—Forces of the central powers in the Carpathian Mountains northwest of Kapul, says today's official report issued by the German general staff, yielded yesterday before the pressure exerted by the Russians.

TEUTONS TAKEN PRISONERS

Petrograd, Sept. 9.—German and Turkish troops are engaged in stubborn fighting with Russian forces in Galicia on the river Naroduk in the direction of Hales, according to the official statement issued today by the Russian war department. A counter-attack made by the Turks and Teutons, the statement adds, was repulsed by the Russians.

In the Carpathians south of Baranoff, the Russians stormed a series of heights. They took 500 prisoners, the announcement says, and captured a mountain battery of several cannon which had been thrown into the ravines.

CAMPAIGN IN MACEDONIA

London, Sept. 9.—The artillery duel on the Douma front continues, says today's official account of the campaign in Greek Macedonia. "On the Struma front on Thursday evening our artillery silenced an enemy battery which was shelling Orlikan bridge. Our artillery dispersed several parties of the enemy."

FRENCH REPORT GAIN

Paris, Sept. 9.—Renewing their assaults on the Somme front last night, the French made a further gain. The capture of a small wooded area is reported today by the war office. German attacks in the Verdun sector were repulsed.

AIR RAID IN EGYPT

London, Sept. 9.—Three British aeroplanes, says an official British statement reporting operations in Egypt, "again bombarded El Mazor yesterday. Eleven of the twenty bombs dropped were seen to take effect in the enemy camp."

SERBS TAKE OFFENSIVE

Paris, Sept. 9.—The Serbians on the Macedonian front took the offensive last night in the region of Lake Ostrovo. The war office announced today that after a violent engagement they captured a height west of the lake.

BANDITS MURDER PAYMASTER; TAKE \$10,000 IN CASH

St. Clairsville, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Automobile bandits today held up and murdered Lee Wankin, superintendent of the Florence mine of the Youghiogheny Coal Co., while he was on his way to pay the miners. They escaped with \$10,000.

Nordling, Bankrupt, Files Schedule In Court In Hartford

F. George Nordling, a contractor residing at 1493 Boston avenue, today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States court in Hartford. His liabilities are given as \$29,661, of which \$19,468 is unsecured. His assets mostly are in the form of real estate, and amount to \$24,100.

PERSHING DENIES REPORT OF CLASH WITH VILLA

Field Headquarters of American Punitive Expedition, Mexico, Sept. 9.—Via Columbus, N. M.—General J. J. Pershing, commander of the punitive expedition, today declared the report of a clash between Villa's followers and detachments of United States soldiers near El Valle to be "absolutely without foundation."

STATE TO BROOK NO MORE DELAY IN KNAPP CASE

Prosecuting Authorities Feel Trial Has Been Postponed Long Enough.

GRAND JURORS WILL CONVENE NEXT WEEK

Trial Date is Settled Upon As Sept. 20 If There is No Change of Venue.

It was announced today that Assistant State's Attorney Carter will call a session of the grand jury to consider the case of Herbert M. Knapp, who is charged with misappropriating about \$100,000 of the funds of the defunct banking firm of Burr & Knapp.

The grand jury will be convened after the criminal superior court comes in next week in this city. If the jury brings in a true bill against Knapp the state will take steps for an immediate trial. It is felt there has been enough delay in the matter and the state is anxious to bring Knapp into court.

Of course nothing can be done about a trial until Judge Tuttle passes upon Knapp's application for a change of venue. The court will hear testimony September 19 regarding Knapp's charge that because of public feeling in this county he cannot get a fair trial here. Preparations will be made by the state, however, so that if Judge Tuttle denies the application the Knapp trial will be started in the criminal superior court on September 20.

SLAWSON STILL IN DISPUTE ON HIS HOTEL BILL

Litchfield Boniface Sends Back School Superintendent's Check.

(Special to The Farmer)
Litchfield, Sept. 9.—Henry Platt, manager of the Hotel Berkeley here, today returned a check for \$8 sent him by Samuel J. Slawson, superintendent of the public schools at Bridgeport. The check was offered in payment of a disputed bill for Mr. Slawson and a party of three others for lodging and breakfast two weeks ago Sunday.

Manager Platt claims \$16 for the service rendered the school superintendent and his party, and said today that unless payment was made by Monday he would bring suit to recover.

There is a special statute in Connecticut which makes refusal to pay a hotel bill or attempt to avoid it, a criminal action. Manager Platt said, however, that he would not invoke that law but would bring a civil suit to recover.

Manager Platt claims that when Mr. Slawson stopped at his hotel he found them lodgings in a nearby cottage and made it plain to them that the charge would be \$4 each for lodging and breakfast. Mr. Slawson claimed the rate was fixed at \$4 for lodging for the party and breakfast \$1 more for each.

Boardwalk Crowd Cheers President, Off For Vacation

Atlantic City, Sept. 9.—President Wilson, who spoke here before the National Woman Suffrage Association, left here at 9 o'clock this morning by motor for Long Branch, N. J., to make an extended stay at Shadow Lawn, his summer home.

A large crowd on the boardwalk and nearby streets cheered the president as he entered his automobile and during his progress through Atlantic City. In the crowd were many of the delegates to the suffrage convention. It was expected that President Wilson would reach Long Branch before 1 o'clock this afternoon. The ride from Atlantic City took the party along a beautiful route. Shadow Lawn was ready for their occupancy and word received here was that the populations of Asbury Park, Long Branch and West End were prepared to welcome them. The weather here was clear.

Postal Employees In Militia Get Jobs Back

Washington, Sept. 9.—In view of the war department's order under which 12 regiments of National Guardsmen soon are to be mustered out of the federal service, Postmaster General Burellson today called the attention of postmasters to his previous instructions to immediately reinstate every postal employee in the same position and at the same salary as when he left to enter the military service.

ELLIOTT MAY QUIT AS NEW HAVEN ROAD HEAD AT TUESDAY'S SESSION

New Haven, Sept. 9.—The directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. will meet at the offices in this city next Tuesday. No statement as to the business to be transacted is made.

It is some time since the directors sat here. The report current many times of late is that President Howard Elliott will retire as president and remain as chairman of the board, to be succeeded by E. J. Pearson, who recently became a vice president, is revived.

EVANS LEADS CHAMPION IN GOLF FINALS

Three Up on Gardner, Title-Holder, at End of Eighteen Holes.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—In today's match for the championship, Charles H. Evans, of Chicago, was three up at the end of the eighteenth, due to his perfect golfing, on the two short holes and the erratic putting of Robert A. Gardner, the title-holder. Gardner fell off in this department of the game markedly as compared with his work on the green earlier in the tournament.

Gardner and Evans tied off in the morning round shortly after 10 o'clock. The weather was perfect. First hole—355 yards, par four. Evans put his second four feet from the hole and sank the ball for a birdie. Gardner took five. His approach was over and his third left him a seven foot putt which he missed. Evans 3, Gardner 5. Evans one up.

Second hole—513 yards, par five. Both were on in three and took two putts. Halves in five. Third hole—427 yards, par four. Both drive perfect balls 250 yards down the fairway. Evans was away and played his second to a trap to the left of the green. Gardner was on in two. Evans chipped out of trap dead to the hole. Gardner's approach putt hit Evans' ball and ran over the hole two feet. The hole was halved in par four. Evans one up.

Fourth hole—355 yards, par four. Evans drove his first one over the green and over the right. Gardner's drive was 250 yards down the fairway. Evans second was in the rough. He pitched his third out the rough and landed it on the green 140 yards away, carrying a bad gully and a big sand trap in order to get home. Gardner's two, the latter won, five to six and the match was all square.

Fifth hole—580 yards, par four. Hitting in a steady head wind, Evans outdrove Gardner 20 yards. Both had beautiful second shots, just short of the brook guarding the green. Gardner topped his third into the brook and picked out for the loss of a stroke. Evans' approach landed on a fan mound at the left of the green. Evans overplayed the hole to the edge of the brook. Gardner's fifth was five feet to the left of the hole, while Evans laid his dead. Gardner missed his putt and Evans holed, winning 6-7. Evans one up.

Sixth hole—420 yards—par four. Both were on the green with two. Evans being 10 feet from the hole; Gardner on for edge. Evans took three putts while Gardner was down in two. Evans won five to three. Match all square.

Seventh hole—495 yards—par three. Both tee shots were in trouble. Gardner's in a trap and Evans in the rough. Evans played out of the trap five feet from the hole and sunk his putt. Gardner's was 12 feet from the pin and he took two putts. Evans won, three to four, and was one up.

Eighth hole—350 yards—par four. They halved the hole in par four. Gardner's third was dead to the pin from a bad lie in the marsh. Evans one up.

Ninth hole—150 yards—par three. Gardner sliced his iron into the woods and his second ran over the green in a trap. His third was short and he conceded the hole to Evans, whose second laid beside the cup. Evans two up.

Morning round, out: Evans, 35 4 5 4 5 3 4 3 39 Gardner, 45 5 4 5 7 4 4 4 45 At the end of the first 18 holes Evans was three up on Gardner.

Schooner Sinks After Collision; All Saved

Boston, Sept. 8.—The two-masted schooner Marguerite from Newburyport to this port sank in the inner harbor today, off Castle Island after a collision with the steam lighter Eureka. The crew saved themselves by jumping into a dory which the schooner was towing.

British Ambassador Spring-Rice called at the White House and left an autograph letter from King George of England, outlining that country's views on the Polish relief situation.

WARSHIP WRECK LAID TO SUDDEN UNDERSEA SHOCK

Disaster to U. S. S. Memphis Caused By Submarine 'Quake,' is Belief.

CRUISER TOSSED HIGH ONTO REEF

Eye-Witnesses to Unusual Sight Give Vivid Tale of Great Wreck.

New York, Sept. 9.—Vivid descriptions of the marine phenomenon which caused the destruction of the United States armored cruiser Memphis, with the loss of about 40 of her crew, in the harbor of Santo Domingo on August 29, were given today by witnesses of the disaster who had arrived on the steamer Iroquois.

The conjecture that the disaster was the result of an undersea eruption was strengthened by assertions that nothing resembling a gale accompanied the sudden disturbance.

The theory that the big seas which tossed the 15,000 ton warship on the rocks were caused by an undersea shock transmitted from a disturbance on the preceding day at Dominica, British West Indies was advanced by Captain Theodore De Booy, of the American Indian Hove Foundation, an eye witness of the catastrophe.

This theory, said Captain De Booy, is borne out by the fact that Dominica lies east-southeast of Santo Domingo and the seas threw the Memphis in a west-northwesterly direction ashore.

"The strange phenomenon," said he, "was absolutely new to the experience of all who beheld it, including the natives of the island, accustomed as they are to outbursts of tropical storms. It had been blowing a hurricane southeast for two days, but on the morning of August 29 the seas were calm and there was no wind. Then the sea became suddenly turbulent. The roadstead became an angry mass of foaming waves in which no small craft could live."

"As the fury of the marine disturbance increased, the Memphis was seen to be dragged her anchor and gradually being driven ashore. Finally a wave, that seemed larger than any that had preceded it, lifted up the warship, held her on its summit for a moment and then dashed her down on a submerged reef within 200 yards of dry land. From the after ventilators of the ship were pouring clouds of steam. The waves, some of them were running as high as the top of her funnels and the Memphis was shoved ashore until she was only 50 yards away. An improvised breach was put in operation and the men on the ship were brought ashore, some of them terribly burned from the explosion of her boilers."

BRIDEGROOM OF FEW MONTHS IS PLAGUE VICTIM

Milford Man Succumbs to Disease After a Brief Illness.

(Special to The Farmer.)
Milford, Sept. 9.—William Barney, 23, a bridegroom of five months, died here Thursday night, a victim of pottymyelia. He was stricken on Monday morning.

Barney, who resided with his father-in-law, Charles Rabbeau, of Bridgeport turnpike, went to visit relatives in Springfield, Mass., on Sunday. He returned to Milford Sunday evening and was taken ill Monday morning. A physician who was called, did not readily diagnose the case and Dr. W. S. Putney, health officer, who was called on Wednesday, diagnosed it as infantile paralysis and ordered the house quarantined. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Rabbeau, the family, consisting of four girls and three boys, whose ages ranged from six to 13 years, was exposed to the disease. Barney was buried yesterday. The quarantine is still in effect on the home.

Bay State Legislature To Have Extra Session

Boston, Sept. 9.—Governor McCall today issued a proclamation calling a special session of the legislature for Tuesday, Sept. 12. This action was taken in view of a decision yesterday by the supreme court that the legislative redistricting of Suffolk county, as made by an appointment commission, was null and void.

The legislature will act to enable citizens of Suffolk county to vote in this month's primaries. The enactment of a law permitting militiamen at the border to vote in the November election, with an appropriation to care for their dependents and the payment of railroad fares of men discharged from service also will be considered.

Capital Deserted As Statesmen Quit

Washington, Sept. 9.—Official Washington seemed a deserted city today. Members of Congress had gone to their homes. President Wilson was at Shadow Lawn, his summer home, with the White House staff. Most diplomatic officials had not returned from the seashore and mountains where they spend the summer, and many government officials were on vacations.

Senate and House clerks were busy, however, clearing up the work left after adjournment.

Fair tonight and Sunday, moderate northwest winds.

Labor Leaders of the Nation Summoned to Conference That May Result in Strike Order That Will Paralyze Entire Commercial Life of Metropolis—Gompers Called From Maine to Meet Conferees—Slight Disorders With Eighteen Arrests Mark Day in New York—Service Nearly Normal, Says Company Officials.

New York, Sept. 9.—Union labor leaders of national prominence were called into New York's transit situation today with the announcement by local strike organizers that within 24 hours a conference would be held here, the outcome of which might be a 24-hour tie-up of all the city's industries employing men affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Samuel Gompers, president of the latter organization, who is in Maine, was among those summoned.

The Central Federated Union at the close of an all-night session, announced that a committee had been empowered to call a general sympathetic strike in all trades if such action was considered necessary to help the striking employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and the New York Railways company win and in their fight for annulment of the so-called "master and servant" contracts binding the men not to strike for wage increase for two years.

G. O. P. WAILING IS REVIVED IN HUGHES' TALKS

—Thomas R. Marshall

Vice-President Says Candidate is Repeating Stand—Pat Howls.

Winchester, Ky., Sept. 9.—Republican criticism of the Wilson administration was revived by Vice President Marshall in a speech here today with the conclusions that the main reason offered the country for turning but the Democrats was the desire of the Republicans to get in and that Former Justice Hughes' campaign speeches were but echoes of often heard partisan orations in the Senate.

"Just now, chief interest in the Republican candidate for President consists in ascertaining whether he belongs to the Progressive face or the stand-pat neck of his party," said Mr. Marshall.

"Manifestly, it is a difficult task to talk in tones sufficiently vague and uncertain as both Roosevelt and Barnes, both Penrose and LaFollette. For three years and more it has been my fortune, or misfortune, to hear the speeches made in the Senate of the United States. The Republican candidate is now repeating these speeches in abbreviated form from the stump."

"When the candidate announced the infallibility of the protective tariff I recognized the oft-expressed views of Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire. "When he declared that we were dwelling in a fool's paradise I heard an echo of the voice of Reed Smoot, of Utah."

"When he talked about Mexico, I could shut my eyes and see before me the figure of Senator Fall. "When he condemned 'pork' in connection with rivers and harbors bills, I tasted again in homoeopathic doses the speeches, weary long hours, of former Senator Burton, of Ohio, who was chairman of the House committee on rivers and harbors for so many years that he well knew about the 'pork' in the bills he has fathered."

"And when the candidate assaulted the civil service record of the administration I realized that he had heard from that political purist, Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania."

"Up to this time, reasons why Democrats should be put out of power are left to the imagination. The main reason seems to be that the Republicans just want control again. The country is satisfied with trade conditions and with business which is unprecedentedly large."

Democratic Convention May Present Surprises, Mr. Fitzgerald Allows

New Haven, Sept. 9.—The Democratic state convention in this city September 12 and 13 will be held in Music Hall. It was announced by State Chairman Fitzgerald today. This hall has been the scene of many interesting and lively conventions by this party.

Mr. Fitzgerald, asked today as to the likelihood of a choice of the convention for governor, replied: "Perhaps we have a big surprise in store. Who knows?"

Col. Thurston Alive, But Seriously Ill

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 8.—Col. N. E. Thurston, of the 74th New York regiment, who was last night reported dead at Pharr, Tex., is still alive, according to reliable information received here today. The information, however, said that Col. Thurston was ill but did not indicate whether his condition was serious.

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